

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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KAYAMKULAM POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NTPC Thermal Power Station at Kayamkulam has not progressed as anticipated due to non-availability of LNG;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : NTPC Ltd. proposes to expand the capacity of the existing Naphtha-fired Power Plant of Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Project (RGCCPP) at Kayamkulam by adding 1950 MW capacity (nominal) in Stage-II based on LNG/Natural Gas as fuel. The Feasibility Report (FR) for 1950 MW expansion had been prepared considering Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG)/Natural Gas (NG) to be sourced through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) route. NTPC Ltd. invited international bids for supply of RLNG/NG. The process could not be concluded due to inadequate/incomplete response.

(c) : Subsequently, it was decided to earmark 2.1 MMTPA (Million Metric Tonnes per Annum) out of the expected quantity of LNG to be sourced by Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) at its proposed Kochi Terminal, for NTPC Ltd.'s existing RGCCPP Stage-I at Kayamkulam and its proposed Stage-II expansion of 1950 MW. LNG supplies are expected in 2013.